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Letter dated 4 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan issued on 23 May 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 29 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jamsheed K. A. MARKER
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Government of Pakistan on 23 May 1991

The official spokesman of the Foreign Office has welcomed the five elements presented by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to serve as a basis for a political settlement in Afghanistan.

Recalling that Pakistan has consistently called for a political settlement in Afghanistan acceptable to the Afghan people and has supported the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on the subject, the spokesman noted that the Secretary-General's proposal contained the elements essential to promote a political settlement.

The spokesman added that, in the formulation of the elements for a settlement, the Secretary-General had held consultations, through his personal representative, with Pakistan, the Afghan interim government and the Mujahideen.

The spokesman expressed the hope that the process set in motion by the presentation of the five elements by the Secretary-General will lead to an early political settlement acceptable to the people of Afghanistan, the establishment of peace in that war torn land, and the return of Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran to their homes with dignity and honour.